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NEXT MEETING: FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION, APRIL 19,20,21, 1985

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be the FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION April 19-21 at the Center Plaza Holiday Inn, 2233 Ventura Av., Fresno, CA 209-268-1000. Featured this year will be both DX and contest forums, and the returning team from Clipperton. Of course, many visiting DXers will be attending. On the technical side, OH80S and W6KPC will present their findings on computer-controlled beam arrays.

1985 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If there is a RED CHECKMARK on your mailing label, the SCDXC records indicate you have not yet paid your 1985 membership dues. In order to continue as a SCDXC member and receive the Bulletin please send a check for \$12.00 (put your call on the check) to the treasurer at the address below:

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THANKS TO HENRY RADIO WEST L.A.

The Club thanks Henry Radio, West L.A., and Frank Cuevas, W6AOA, and Skip Cuevas, N6HAQ, for participation in the procurement of prizes for the March raffle program.

OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Technician through extra class amateur radio operator examinations are conducted the first Saturday of each month at the Lockheed Employees Recreation Club Amateur Radio Club, 2814 Empire Avenue, Burbank, CA 91504, 818-842-1863. Pre-registration is preferred. A self-addressed stamped envelope brings an FCC Form 610 application and associated information. Novice tests are also scheduled at mutually satisfactory times.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14 MEETING By Chris Williams K6GAR Secretary

The meeting was opened by Marty Woll, N6VI, SCDXC President, at 8:05 PM with member introductions. Marty made a survey of members present as to the number who might be interested in a club computer mailbox in the future. Twenty-six of the members present were interested.

Tex Myers, N6AHV, gave his DX Report and presented interesting information on the ZC4. It is always a help to have this timely bit of information for those who need it.

Dan Magro, KV6I, gave a report on the repeater. It should be back up on the hill in a couple of more weeks. When it goes back up, Dan plans to take his spectrum analyzer up to see where some of the interference is coming from.

Irv Emig, W6GC, gave a report on the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs.

John Alexander, K6SVL, gave a report on the ARRL International Phone and CW DX Contests. He urged everyone to make sure that their logs were mailed into League Headquarters.

The program consisted of a very good presentation by Terry Dubson, W6MKB, on big antennas with slides of his own monsters. We thank Terry for the fine program.

The following were raffle prize winners: NC6H, KB6HW, KA6SKW, WA6POZ, and W6DQH.

ARRL SOUTHWESTERN CONVENTION

The ARRL Southwestern Division Convention will be held aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary on August 9, 10, and 11, 1985 at Long Beach. Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Banquet. Roy Neal, K6DUE, NBC Science Editor, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Early groups registering can be assured of a table in the main ballroom. Contact Dan Davitt, N6CGB, for registration forms.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my views on the most controversial subject in DXing today - lists and nets.

Some other countries, most notably the USSR, refer to DXing as "radiosporting." It is an apt term since it implies competition. Indeed, the tabulation and publication of DXCC standings brings out the competitive nature in all of us; it's what keeps us chasing the rare ones. It is also this competition that has so widely polarized DXers on the subject of lists and DX nets.

Many times, those who speak out against lists are told, "if you don't like it, ignore it." If this were simply a style of operation that was disagreeable but harmless, it would be easy to ignore. That is not the case, however. It is harmful because it cheapens the DXCC award.

It has been said that the reason some of us are so anti-list is that we're on ego trips and resent the little guy getting through. NOT SO. Our hats are off to the little guy who gets through, as long as he does it himself. The upper ranks of the DXCC roster abound with those who got there using modest equipment and no lists. "Yes, but it was easier when those guys did it. The bands are more crowded today, and the competition is stiffer making the little guy's chances slimmer." Was DXing really easier for the modest station in the days on the hetrodynes? On CW, I'll bet the smaller station has an easier time today than he did years ago since there is such a higher percentage of stations on phone. In addition, it sure seems like there have been more DXpeditions over the past decade than there ever were 30 years ago.

Let's forget about all the bickering for a moment. Look at what the hobby of DXing is really all about and you can see the biggest reason of all for not working lists and nets. Supposedly, we are all doing this because it's fun and exciting. I'll admit there is some ego boosting that goes on, but it's really the excitement that has us chasing the rare ones. Can anyone deny that there's more excitement in working a rare one on your own (especially if it takes a while) than in having someone else locate it for you and orchestrate the QSO? That's why the ones who suffer are not those who miss the rare one because they refuse to get on the list. The true losers are the list participants. They deprive themselves of the excitement of working it on their own. He who refuses the list knows what a great feeling it's going to be when he finds and works the rare one by himself. Clearly, those who operate lists are demonstrating that, to them, the almighty QSL is more important than the fun and excitement of the activity of DXing itself. Is there pride no bigger than that?

Our government allows us the privilege of amateur radio because, among other things, the skills we develop while operating can prove invaluable in times of emergency. DXing has been touted as one of the activities within our hobby that hones such skills. The list operator suffers in this respect also. Whether he's one of those on the list or the DX operator himself, he doesn't develop much more than the ability to hold up his hand when his name is called. I'm not sure I'd want him on the other end when my ship is sinking in the South Atlantic.

The very existence of DXCC establishes DXers as participants in radiosport. True sport provides the greatest amount of fun and excitement to the most people. True sport is the best way to improve skills. Working DX from a list or net is not true sport. If I stood in line at the Redondo Beach pier awaiting my turn to have a diver attach a large fish to my hook I would be ashamed of myself. If I had obtained a fishing award through such a tactic, it wouldn't be worth the paper it was printed on. Let's get back to the true spirit of DXing!

73 and DX,
Tom Hoyne, N6NI

MARCH PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.


AHLBD-Above, High, Low, Below, Disturb

1-B	8-L	15-H	22-H	29-L
2-B	9-H	16-L	23-A	30-L
3-L	10-A	17-L	24-H	
4-L	11-L	18-B	25-L	
5-H	12-H	19-D	26-L	
6-L	13-H	20-B	27-B	
7-L	14-A	21-L	28-B	

MAST OVERLOADED?

Marty W0II, N6VI, has written a computer program which will do a complete stress work-up on a mast that has up to ten antennas stacked on it. Contact Marty if you are wondering whether you should put that big beam at the top or bottom of your stack, or if you want to add "just one more" to the Xmas tree.

COMING DX ATTRACTIONS

- BY CHINA. BY1PK and BY1QH by Chuck, W7MAP April 12-29.
- BY CHINA. BY1PK and BY4AA by Tom, VE7BC, until April 6. Check usual 14145 around 2330-0100.
- FOOX CLIPPERTON ISLAND. FOOXX until April 11. 160-6 SSB/CW RTTY OSCAR.
- GV UNITED KINGDOM. Special prefix GV to celebrate 40th anniversary of VE Day May 5-12. GV2HQ by RSGB Headquarters station.
- KH4 MIDWAY ISLAND. KD7P/KH4 and others until April 8 or 11? All bands.
- KP1 NAVASSA ISLAND. April 3/4-9 by 6Y5NR group. Four stations.
- SV9 CRETE. DF3GX/SV9 until April 13. CW on all bands.
- SV/A MOUNT ATHOS. Unconfirmed rumors of April operation by IOSNY.
- VK9X CHRISTMAS ISLAND. VK9XB AND VK9XG until April 9. All bands SSB/CW.
- XF4 REVILLA GIGEDO. Possible around April 13 for one day by the returning Clipperton DXpedition.
- ZC4 SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS. DX NEWS SHEET reports there will be a ZC4 activity weekend April 5-6. All bands and modes.
- ZC4 SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS. ZC4MR April 6/7 on Family Net 14227 at 1600.
-  ZD7 ST. HELENA ISLAND. Patsy, ZD7XY, for as long as five months. With WA3HUP in informal net on 14190 around 2300.
- 3B7 ST. BRANDON ISLANDS. Operation by SMOAGD, LA7XB, and 3B8CF starts April 12 for 1-2 weeks.
- 3D2 FIJI ISLANDS. 3D2RN BY JH1RNZ April 15-23. 28025, 28495, 21025, 21295, 14025, 14195, 10111, 7003, 7085, 3507, 1910, 1803, and 1832. Isao is on his honeymoon!!!
- 3X REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. DL7AH/3X until May 8. Active on 14020 at 2100 and 7005 at 0030. Should be on RTTY and 80-meters soon.
- 5X UGANDA. 5X5UU by KC7UU possible before Easter.
- 9L SIERRA LEONE. Possible operation by KC7UU
- 9U BURUNDI. 9U5JB April 5-15 by ON5NT. 3502, 7002, 14025, 21025, 28025, 3750, 3777, 3795, 7045, 7084, 14160, 14195, 21260, 21295, 28560, 28595. No 160. He will look for North American on low bands around his sunrise at 0400.

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CONTINUING DX ATTRACTIONS

- AP PAKISTAN. AP2ZR reported on 3800 or 3645 listening in the US band around 0100.
- C2 NAURU. Rob, C21DX, active on 3791 around 1330. QSL Box 225, Nauru.
- D68 COMOROS. D68AM frequents Snookey's Net, 14183 at 2000. QSL WB2OHD.
- FW WALLIS ISLAND. FW8AF active on 21290 around 2200.
- J5 GUINEA-BISSAU. J5WAD on 14020 at 2000, 14240 at 2130, skeds 7005 at 0130-0300. There until November.
- J6 ST. LUCIA. Ricardo, J6LNU, often near 3789 at 0500.
- KC6 EAST CAROLINE ISLANDS. KC6JC near 3807 from 0630. QSL CBA.
- SV GREECE. SV8RX on 3700 listens 3805 every Saturday from 0530.
- TA TURKEY. TA1A ON 21028 at 1630. QSL Box 787, Istanbul.
- UA1 FRANZ JOSEPH LAND. Roman, UA1OT, often on 80/160. W3HNK helps QSL
- UJ8 TADZHIK. UJ8JCQ on 14227 list at 1600. Fast QSLs via WB2OHD.
- YK SYRIA. Al, VE3KFE/4U, Golan Heights, active 14200 around 2030 and 7084 around 0100. QSL VE3QSF.
- YN NICARAGUA. Jose, YN5RR, on 3780 around 0300. QSL YN5JAR CBA.
- ZD7 ST. HELENA ISLAND. ZD7CW active on 21334 around 1800.
- ZL7 CHATHAM ISLAND. ZL7OY active 3818-25 most days from 0700.
- 3X REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. 3X4EX on 14180-85 from 2000. Also on 1828 daily from 0600-0800. QSL N4CID.
- 5T5 MAURITANIA. 5T5RY active on 14020-30 from 2200. QSL F6FNU.
- 6W SENEGAL. 6W1AE and 6W1JX active near 14200 from 2200. QSL CBA.
- 9M2 WEST MALASIA. 9M2FK alternately on 3505 and 7005 at 1100-1700.
- 9X5 RWANDA. 9X5WB active 14176-80 at 1900. QSL WB6VKD.

ARRL PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL-HOST EXCHANGE

The ARRL has compiled a list of amateurs in the USA who are interested in exchanging vacations and/or making travel arrangements with amateurs in other countries. It has also commenced what it calls an "International Travel-Host Exchange" for the promotion of international good will and friendship.

ARRL members interested in meeting and possibly accommodating foreign amateurs are asked to write Naoki Akiyama, JH1VRQ/N1CIX, International Programs Manager, ARRL HQ, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, giving their name, call sign, languages spoken, and whether or not they are able to accommodate visitors. Their names will be added to the list which will then be sent to participating radio societies overseas.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

From DX NEWS SHEET ... Tom, GW3AHN, has checked his logs and notes he has worked 307 current countries in a recent six year period using only 25 watts input!!!

BAND COUNTRIES:

RSGB's DX NEWS SHEET says that DL7AA has all-time band totals of 314/10, 344/15, 360/20, 304/40, 239/80, and 96/160. If some of you will send in your numbers to the Bulletin Editor at the return address on the Bulletin we will be happy to publish them.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB
1985 ARRL INTERNATIONAL CW DX CONTEST

CALL	CLASS	QSO'S	POINTS	COUNTRIES	SCORE
W6ABW	Single AB	156	468	37	17,316
W6AUG	Single 80	21	63	14	882
W6BA	Single AB	275	823	127	104,521
N2DHz	Single AB	53	159	15	2,385
K6EID	Single AB	318	954	119	113,526
ND6G	Single AB	155	465	87	40,455
WA6HXM	Single AB				1,089
W6MFC	Single AB	114	351	57	20,007
W6MUL	Single AB-QRP	28	84	21	1,764
K6OC	Single AB	179	537	70	37,590
WA6TLA	Single AB	123	369	60	22,142
W6TMD	Single AB	1,080	3,240	172	557,280
AI6Z	Single AB	200	600	66	39,600
WB6ZHT	Single AB	491	1,473	91	134,403
14		3,193	9,586		1,092,960

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB
1985 ARRL INTERNATIONAL PHONE DX CONTEST

CALL	CLASS	QSO'S	POINTS	COUNTRIES	SCORE
W6ABW	Single AB	201	603	93	56,079
W6AUG	Single AB	30	90	20	1,800
W6CN	Single AB-QRP	118	354	56	19,824
K6EID	Single AB	437	1,311	149	195,339
W6FCF	Single AB	122	366	54	19,764
W6GC	Single AB	31	93	17	1,581
KB6HW	Single AB	73	219	39	8,541
VE3HW/W6	Single AB	44	132	30	3,960
WA6HXM	Single AB				4,704
N6IC	Single AB	100	300	64	16,200
K5KT	Single AB	160	480	95	45,600
W6MFC	Single AB	152	456	78	35,568
K6OC	Single AB	127	381	60	22,680
W6OK	20M	145	435	42	18,270
WB6OKK	Multi-single	114	342	70	23,940
WA6POZ	Single AB	66	198	29	5,742
WA6TLA	Single AB	41	123	20	2,460
W6TMD	20M	332	996	59	58,764
AI6Z	20M	60	180	24	4,320
WB6ZHT	Multi-single	485	1,455	142	206,610
20		2,838	8,514		751,746

WEEKLY REPEATER DX ROUNDTABLE

Just a reminder that every Thursday night at 7:30 PM the Club sponsors a DX Roundtable on the Club repeater 145.48/-600. The purpose of the DX Roundtable is the exchange of DX, Contest, and Club information. Your active support is encouraged.

FOR SALE:

CX11A, hi-power model w/cw filters. OH2BH's rig. Guaranteed perfect. Call Wayne Gingerich, W6EUF, at home 213-596-6748, or at work 213-424-0979.

FCC MONITORING STATIONS

FCC monitoring stations in our vicinity and their telephone numbers are given below for your reference:

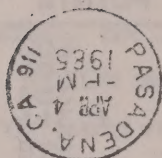
Livermore, CA 415-447-3614
Douglas, AZ 602-364-2133
Ferndale, WA 206-354-4892

FOR SALE:

Tristao T-471 crank-up guyed tower, 70 feet high, guyed at three levels. This is an old but serviceable tower reasonably priced. Contact Perry Esten, W6PN, for details.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

George Morris, W6ABW
2106 Earnshaw Drive
La Canada, CA 91011



W6GYM DX ACTIVITY REPORT:

A22ME	3776	0411	2/18
CE0ZIJ	21260	2203	3/02
CN2AQ	3785	0348	3/06
CT2AK	3787	0400	3/08
CYOSAB	3778	0411	2/18
C53AL	3778	0541	3/09
WB6FCR/C6A	21200	2126	3/02
W9DCN/C6A	7169	0410	3/09
C6ADV	3789	0545	3/08
FG/KK9/FS	3804	0241	3/09
FM5BX	21248	0502	3/02
HC1EA	3798	0505	3/08
KH6CC	3767	0544	3/01
KH6JEB/KH7	3780	0504	
KH6JEB/KH7	7185		
K8CV/VP2E	21233	1855	3/02
VP5HPX	3765	0249	3/02
V2AO	3784	0257	3/06
KT5B/YV1	21276	1908	3/02
ZS6DN	3798	0502	2/20
3C1YL	14200	0105	2/19
KC7UU/SN8	3778	0321	2/19

FOR SALE:

Henry 2K-3, Drake R-4C w/Sherwood
1st if cw filter/NB, Drake R-4B,
Drake T-4XB/AC4, Apple //e with
clock, Z-80 CP/M, 2 drives, more.
Marty Woll, N6VI, 818-893-2451.

K6YRA DX ACTIVITY REPORT:

OH1MA/CT3	7090	0255	3/30
D44BC	7099	0420	3/30
ED8M(UMB)	14292	1503	3/31
FO0XX/MM	7080	0405	3/31
KD7P/KH4	7085	0534	3/28
NA6T/KH4	3787	0721	3/27
LZ2KTS	7082	0151	3/31
OH0BH	7063	0443	3/30
UM8MO	14272	1551	3/31
RL8PYL	14270	1432	3/31
TF3CW	14220	1554	3/31
T77V	7079	0242	3/31
VE8DX(Z2)	7081	0225	3/31
VK9XB	7083	1428	3/28
VK9XG	7081	1256	3/29
VS6DO	3779	1428	3/31
YC5NDU	3795	1317	3/29
YU3EY	7092	0242	3/31
YZ4Z	7044	0212	3/31
OH2KI/2B2	7063	0348	3/30

Al reports receiving CEOAA
QSL cards for all bands.

REPEATER NEWS

Cleon, AD6P, reported at
press time that the repeater is
going back up on the hill in about
a week.